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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATION: PAUL TAYLOR DANCE  
COMPANY (PTDC)

1. AUGUST 11 DEADLINE SET BY PTDC ADVANCE TEAM FOR  
CONFIRMATION OF HALLS IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV  
BY GOSKONTSERT (GOSK), LENKONTSERT AND UKRAINIAN  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND FOR SPECIFICS ON HOTEL ACCOMMO-  
DATIONS DESIRED BY PTDC PASSED WITHOUT EITHER. EMBASSY  
CONGEN AND KIEV ADVANCE PARTY CONTINUE TO CONTACT LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES WHO ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GETTING HALLS DE-  
SIRED. THUS PROPOSE EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO AUGUST  
21, BY THAT TIME, AGENCY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF  
CONTRACT INCLUDING SPECIFICS REQUIRED BY PTDC. CON-  
TRACT WAS SENT OFFICIAL AIR, AUGUST 11, REGISTRY NO.  
2061319. AMENDMENTS DESIRED BY AGENCY AND PTDC CAN  
THEN BE INCORPORATED BEFORE TRANSMITTED TO GOSKONTSERT.

2. INTRODUCED INTO THE CONTRACT AT REQUEST OF PTDC  
GENERAL MANAGER DURING ADVANCE VISIT WERE FOLLOWING:  
(A) SPECIFIC HALLS AND HOTELS IN EACH CITY; (B) HEAT-  
ING OF HALLS TO EQUIVALENT OF 69 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT  
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AND TUNED GRAND PIANO IN PIT; (C) TRAVEL OF COMPANY BY  
AIR AND OF PROPERTIES BY COVERED TRUCK WITHIN SOVIET  
UNION; (D) RETURN OF COMPANY PROPERTIES WITH PTDC IF  
CARGO SHIPMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES IMPOSSIBLE; (E) PRO-  
GRAM AND BROCHURE PRINTING AS SPECIFIED BY PTDC.

3. NOT SPECIFIED IN CONTRACT WAS LANGUAGE PROPOSED

INITIALLY BY ADVANCE TEAM THAT STAGE MANAGER MUST BE ABLE TO SET UP EQUIPMENT AT HIS DISCRETION, BUT DROPPED WHEN SUBJECT OF FIRE LAWS WAS DISCUSSED. ADVANCE TEAM THEN AGREED TO BRING CERTIFICATES OF FIREPROOF QUALITIES OF COSTUMES AND PROPERTIES; THIS LANGUAGE INCLUDED IN CONTRACT. QUESTION OF ROPES BY WHICH PIPES FOR COMPANY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE SUSPENDED IN THEATERS WHERE LIGHT BRIDGES UNACCEPTABLE WAS NOT RAISED BECAUSE LITVIN BELIEVES IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SHIP CHAINS WITHIN OVERALL NINE-TON FIGURE HE GAVE FOR SHIPPING WEIGHT OF PROPERTIES.

4. AUGUST 4 MEETING BETWEEN GOSK AND PTDC REPS WAS HELD WITH FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE FOR GOSK; DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN TOURS IN USSR USTIN, CHIEF OF EXCHANGES WITH CAPITALIST AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TIKHOMIROVA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOREIGN TOURS IN USSR YUDIN, TRANSPORTATION EXPERT KOLARSKY, ESCORT-INTERPRETER BEZRUCHKA, AND CONSULTANTS ON PROGRAM. PTDC WAS REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL MANAGER YESSELMAN, AND STAGE MANAGER LITVIN WITH EMBASSY CAO JO JOHNSON AND SOVIET ASSISTANT FOR PAPS ZHULINA IN ATTENDANCE.

5. YESSELMAN WAS SHOWN A PRELIMINARY LAYOUT OF BROCHURE MADE UP FROM MATERIALS PROVIDED BY PTDC AND INCLUDED-  
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ING TRANSLATION OF PAUL TAYLOR GREETINGS, ESSAY ON COMPANY, BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS, AND PHOTOS. PROGRAM NOTES, WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN TRANSLATED, WILL BE IN SEPARATE PROGRAM. YESSELMAN STIPULATED THAT ALL INFORMATION ON DANCERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM, AND ALL CREDITS LISTED TO COMPLY WITH COPYRIGHT REGULATIONS.

6. FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION DETAILS WERE AGREED UPON, SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF KIEV IS NOT INCLUDED IN ITINERARY BECAUSE OPERA/BALLET THEATER UNAVAILABLE TO PTDC:  
(A) SIZES FOR PLANE AND TRUCK TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE SUPPLIED TO PTDC WHICH WOULD ARRANGE CRATE CONSTRUCTION TO CONFORM AND INFORM GOSK OF CRATE SIZES ASAP.

(B) ALL PROPERTIES SHOULD ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 11 ACCOMPANIED BY A REP OF PTDC WITH 10 COPIES IN RUSSIAN LISTING CONTENTS IN EACH CASE OF PROPERTIES.

(C) PROPERTIES WILL TRAVEL BY TRUCK TO KIEV AND A CREW OF 5 OR 6 BY PLANE SEPTEMBER 13. ONLY TWO-MAN CREW CAN TRAVEL BY TRUCK, ONE DRIVING AND ONE SLEEPING.

(D) STAGE MANAGER WILL NEED 22 WORKERS AT 9 A.M. SEPT.

15 FOR UNLOADING AND FIRST SET-UP, AND THEREAFTER 11 WORKERS PLUS 2 WARDROBE PEOPLE FOR EACH PERFORMANCE. IN RIGA, 16 WILL BE NEEDED FOR 5 HOURS TO SET UP FIRST DAY, AND THEREAFTER REGULAR NUMBERS IN CONTRACT.

7. SCHEDULE WORKED OUT AT MEETING TOTALED 26 CONCERTS WITH 2 MATINEES SUBSTITUTED FOR CANCELLATION OF SEPT 19 CONCERT IN KIEV. ALL THIS, HOWEVER IS NOW IN

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QUESTION WITH GOSK DECLARING KIEV OUT AND KIEV ADVANCE PARTY REPS AND UKRKONTSERT TRYING FOR OPERA/BALLET THEATER. GOSK PROPOSED RIGA ABSORB KIEV'S CONCERTS FOR TOTAL OF 14 CONCERTS THERE AND GRAND TOTAL OF 29 FOR TOUR. EMB PREPARED TO INFORM GOSK THIS NUMBER OF CONCERTS IN SMALL CITY UNACCEPTABLE ESPECIALLY SINCE PTDC WAS UNHAPPY WITH RIGA HOTEL AND HAD EXPRESSED NO DESIRE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF CONCERTS THERE. REQUEST ECA/IC CONTACT PTDC TO CLEAR THIS WITH PAG AND FIND OUT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONCERTS POSSIBLE IN RIGA CONSIDERING THIS DEVELOPMENT. TOON

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